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EMPLOYED BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE RESPONSE TO QUERIES CONTAINED REFTTEL:

A) REGULATIONS CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT ARE GOVERNED BY  
FEDERAL COUNCIL DECREE OF MARCH 16, 1970, AND AMENDMENTS  
OF JULY 6, 1973, JULY 9, 1975, AND OCTOBER 20, 1976. THIS  
LATTER AMENDMENT COVERS EMPLOYMENT OF ALL FOREIGNERS,  
INCLUDING DEPENDENTS OF OFFICIALS OF INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS AND DIPLOMATICALLY ACCREDITED PERSONNEL IN  
SWITZERLAND. ESSENTIALLY, THE AMENDMENTS TO THE INITIAL  
DECREE WERE DESIGNED TO DECREASE REPEAT DECREASE THE  
NUMBER OF FOREIGNERS PERMITTED TO WORK IN THE COUNTRY.

IN RESPECT TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF DEPENDENTS OF FOREIGN  
OFFICIALS ATTACHED TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN GENEVA, AND  
ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THE DECREES, WITH ONE IMPORTANT  
EXCEPTION, MAKE NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE GROUND RULES  
REGULATING THE ISSUANCE OF A WORKER'S PERMIT TO PRIVATE  
CITIZEN FOREIGNERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF OFFICIALS OF  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. IN ESSENCE, THE GROUND  
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RULES REQUIRE A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYER TO PROVE TO THE  
CANTONAL AUTHORITIES THAT THERE ARE NO SWISS AVAILABLE,  
BOTH QUALIFIED AND WILLING, TO TAKE THE POSITION BEING  
OFFERED. THE EXCEPTION CONCERNS THE NUMERICAL LIMITATION  
PLACED BY THE FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ON THE NUMBER OF WORK  
PERMITS THAT CAN BE ISSUED FOREIGNERS IN THE CANTON OF  
GENEVA IN A SINGLE YEAR. AT THE MOMENT, THIS NUMERICAL

LIMITATION TOTALS 560. DEPENDENTS OF OFFICIALS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, HOWEVER, PRESENTLY LIVING IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF THE PRINCIPAL, ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THIS NUMERICAL LIMITATION, EACH OF THEIR APPLICATIONS BEING REVIEWED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

THE IDENTICAL RULES AS APPLIED TO DEPENDENTS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS ALSO APPLY TO DEPENDENTS OF DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO FOREIGN MISSIONS ACCREDITED TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN GENEVA. THE MISSION WAS TOLD INFORMALLY, HOWEVER, THAT BECAUSE OF THE TRANSIENT NATURE OF DIPLOMATICALLY ACCREDITED PERSONNEL, VIS-A-VIS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS, A MORE LIBERAL POLICY WAS GENERALLY ADOPTED IN ADJUDICATING THE WORK PERMIT APPLICATIONS OF THE FORMER.

IN EACH CASE, WHEN A WORK PERMIT IS ISSUED - GENERALLY FOR ONE YEAR AT A TIME - THE DEPENDENT MUST TURN IN TO THE FEDERAL AUTHORITIES HIS/HER SWISS IDENTITY CARD, THEREBY WAIVING IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES FOR THE DURATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT.

2. QUESTIONS B, C, AND D, WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO PROCURE WITH ANY DEGREE OF ACCURACY, GIVEN THE LARGE NUMBER OF AMERICAN CITIZENS EMPLOYED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IN GENEVA. ONLY A MINUTE  
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PORTION OF THEM ARE REGISTERED WITH THE CONSULAR SECTION, AND THERE IS NO CENTRAL OFFICE THAT CAN PROVIDE SUCH A BREAKDOWN. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO THE SWISS MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA, THERE ARE ONLY A HALF DOZEN DEPENDENTS OF OFFICIALS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CURRENTLY HOLDING WORK PERMITS.

3. E) THE ASSUMPTION IS THAT MORE DEPENDENTS WOULD BE LIKELY TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT. VANDEN HEUVEL

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